GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF SSIS IN HILLY AREAS
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new modified programmes which have been implemented for the development of small scale industries in hilly areas of the country;

(b) whether a special plan formulated for hilly and backward areas for the small scale sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the areas where such plans were implemented during 2001-2002; and

(e) the plans for 2002-2003 to give emphasis to hilly and backward areas for the development of small scale industries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING,DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS` WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (e): For the development and promotion of small scale industries in the country including hilly and backward areas, the Government is implementing various schemes/programmes, viz., Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme, Entrepreneurial, Managerial Training Programmes, Technical Skill Development Programmes through Small Industries Service Institutes, ToolRooms, Process-cum-Product Development Centres etc. Besides,Government announced a Comprehensive Policy package on 30.08.2002 for promotion of the small scale sector which, inter alia, includes enhanced fiscal and credit support, better infrastructural, marketing facilities and incentives for technology upgradation. A Credit Guarantee Trust Fund has also been created which provides guarantee for bank loans to SSI units up to Rs. 25.00 lakh without collateral. A scheme to provide 12% back ended capital subsidy on projects of technology upgradation by small units in the specified sectors/sub-sectors is also being implemented. While the development of small scale industries is primarily the concern of respective State Governments/Union Territories, the Central Government supports and supplements the efforts of the State Governments/ Union Territories through implementation of its various programmes and schemes. There is no scheme exclusively meant for development of small scale industries in hilly and backward areas and all the existing/ongoing schemes and programmes are uniformly implemented in the country.